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ABSTRACT

One person in five--42.4 million Americans--belongs to youth, viz. those who are 14 to 24 years of age. The 1970 census showed that there were 1.8 million Spanish heritage young Americans between 15 and 24 years of age. The number of white youth is estimated to be 36.6 million. The estimate for blacks and other racial minorities was 5.8 million in 1972. In youth, the population balance between the sexes is almost even. In 1970, for example, the census showed that there were 19.6 million men and boys among youth and 19.9 million women and girls. The 1972 estimate of 42.4 million youth was higher than the 1970 census total of 39.5 million Americans 14 to 24. Population growth accounts for the difference between these figures. Overall, the proportion of all young Americans enrolled in school or college in 1972 was 55 percent. Statistics hint at the Nation's preoccupation with young America--one of five belongs to youth, educational attainment going up, income an important fraction of the whole income spectrum, 44 percent on the move in one year, older at first marriage, and so on. Perhaps, though, the recent stress on youth is lifing. Declining birth rates since the late 1960's suggest a somewhat different future for youth. Not better. Not worse. Different, along with the good that always comes with being 14 to 24 years of age. (Author/JM)



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WE THE YOUTH OF AMERICA

We are the youth of America.

Neither adults nor children,
we are those who are 14 to 24 years of age.

Being young,
we are filled with dreams of adult life in the 21st century.

We are numerous.
One person in five—42.4 million Americans—belongs to youth.

We have been making a comeback.
Early in the present century we made up
as large a proportion of the population as we do now.
Part of our preeminence then was due to the younger age of
the population—people did not live as long in 1910 as they now do.

After 1910, though,
we declined as a proportion of the total population.
By 1950, we were only 16 percent (about one person in six) and,
in 1960, we were 15 percent of the total.

These low proportions were due to low birth rates
during the Depression of the 1930's and the early war years.

By 1970, however,
the great numbers of post World War II babies had started to grow up,
and now we are again more than 20 percent of the population.

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A Majority And Minorities

The number of us who are white is estimated to be 26.6 million. The estimate for blacks and other racial minorities was 5.8 million in 1972.



The 1970 census provided a more exact measure of other racial and ethnic groups among us. It showed that there were 1.8 million Spanish heritage young Americans between 15 and 24 years of age. Totals for other groups in this 15-24 year age bracket were:

American Indian	148,000
Japanese	96,000
Chinese	90,000
Filipino	56,000
Hawaiian	21,000
Korean	16,000

Sexes Are Equal

Numerical equality of the sexes is closer to reality in youth than at any other time of life. Adult women outnumber men by a widening margin as they grow older. In childhood, boys outnumber girls. In youth, the population balance between the sexes is almost even. In 1970, for example, the census showed that there were 19.6 million men and boys among youth and 19.9 million women and girls. The count by single years of age was as follows:



Age	Male	Female
14 years	2.5 million	2.6 million
15 years	2.1 million	1.9 million
16 years	2.0 million	1.9 million
17 years	1.9 million	1.9 million
18 years	1.9 million	1.9 million
19 years	1.8 million	1.8 million
20 years	1.7 million	1.8 million
21 years	1.6 million	1.7 million
22 years	1.4 million	1.6 million
23 years	1.6 million	1.8 million
24 years	1.3 million	1.4 million

The 1972 estimate of 42.4 million youth was higher than the 1970 census total of 39.5 million Americans 14 to 24. Population growth accounts for the difference between these figures. In fact, the increase in the youth total has been much greater than for the population as a whole during the 1960's and early 1970's. Six young Americans increased in number by 55 percent during 1960-72, while the U.S. population went up by only about 16 percent.



Divided Three Ways

Youth can be divided into three parts. There are the high school students (16 to 17 years of age), those in the early college years (18 to 24 year olds), and those in the early working years (25 to 29 year olds).

Let us leave the three categories, but it is useful at the time to study American history, so that we can be prepared accordingly to what we're doing in school, working, or whatever during student years of high change.

The Census Bureau estimates that the high schoolers in 1972 were about 16.5 million. The early college years group numbered 17.5 million, and the early working years numbered 17.5 million.

Of the high schoolers, more than 90 percent in 1972 were enrolled in school, most of them in high school. In 1960, about 80 percent of the high school age group were enrolled. The proportions were 80 percent in 1950 and 70 percent in 1940.

About 80 percent of the early college years group were actually enrolled in school in 1972, the bulk of them in college. Back in 1960, only 60 percent were enrolled. The proportions were 50 percent in 1950 and 40 percent in 1940.

One in four of the 25 to 29 year group was enrolled in school in 1972. Back in 1960, barely 7 percent of young Americans 25 to 29 years old were enrolled in school.

Overall, the proportion of all of us young Americans enrolled in school in college in 1972 was 35 percent. This included 8.5 million in college and 15.5 million in high school or elementary school.

There is no doubt that more of us young Americans go to school than has been the case in past years. This is particularly true of 16- to 19 years. As recently as 1950, only 8 percent of our high school 16 million young men and women were enrolled in college, equivalent to the 1.6 million (16 percent of our high school population) in 1972.

Phone Test In School

We have seen that the average of a person's scores is about 100. Most of the scores are in the 90s, with a few in the 80s and a few in the 110s. The scores are in the 90s because the test is designed to be a measure of average ability. The scores are in the 110s because the test is designed to be a measure of high ability. The scores are in the 80s because the test is designed to be a measure of low ability.

Now, we will see how the test is used to measure ability. We will see how the test is used to measure ability in the classroom, in the laboratory, and in the field.

1 In 5 High & Vocational Skill

Let's look at the test results for 100 people. We will see that the test results are in the 90s, with a few in the 80s and a few in the 110s. The test results are in the 90s because the test is designed to be a measure of average ability. The test results are in the 110s because the test is designed to be a measure of high ability. The test results are in the 80s because the test is designed to be a measure of low ability.

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Table 1
Test Results for 100 People

Score	Frequency	Percentage
80-89	10	10%
90-99	40	40%
100-109	30	30%
110-119	10	10%
120-129	5	5%
130-139	2	2%
140-149	1	1%
150-159	1	1%
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STATE OF CALIFORNIA - AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS - 1910

1910		1909	
Wheat	1,000,000	900,000	1,000
Corn	500,000	450,000	500
Barley	300,000	250,000	300
Oats	200,000	150,000	200

STATE OF CALIFORNIA - AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS - 1910

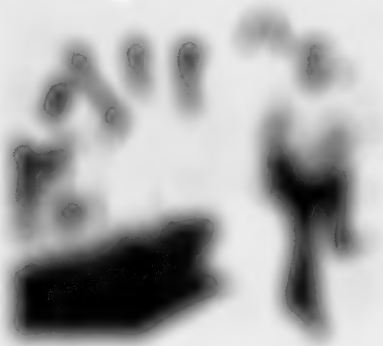
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Where the Wild Things Are

There are many wild places in the United States, and some are more famous than others. The Grand Canyon, Yellowstone National Park, and the Great Smoky Mountains National Park are all famous for their natural beauty. But there are many other wild places that are less well-known. These places are often found in the mountains and forests of the western United States. They are places where you can find some of the most beautiful scenery in the country.



National Parks	
Grand Canyon	Arizona
Yellowstone	Wyoming
Great Smoky Mountains	Tennessee
Sequoia	California





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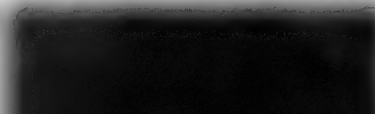
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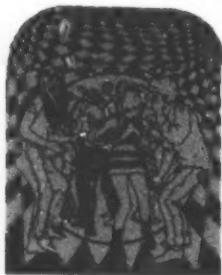
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Big Percentage Have Income

We're income producers. Nearly all young men (94 percent) 20-24 years old received income in 1971, and 76 percent of the young women in that age bracket did. A large proportion of teen-agers got income, too. The proportions were 58 percent of the boys and 48 percent of the girls, 14 to 19 years old. Incomes of the younger group were largely less than \$1,000, however; the median income for 14- to 19-year old boys was \$685 and for girls it was \$491.

Youth 20 to 24 received considerably more income. The median for men in this age group was \$4,132; for women it was \$2,623. Twenty-two percent of young men 20 to 24 and more than 7 percent of the young women had 1971 incomes of \$7,000 or more.

And Some of Us Are Poor

About 4 million or 13 percent of American youth were in families with incomes below the low-income level (which was \$4,100 for four-person non-farm families in 1971). Of the total, 2.7 million were white and 1.3 million were black. Poor young whites are more likely to live in families headed by a man (53 percent were in this category) and poor young blacks are likely to be found in families headed by a woman (52 percent). In addition, the young whites below the low-income line are found more often living with non-relatives (20 percent in-all) than young blacks below the low-income line, only 6 percent of whom were with non-relatives.





Will Youth Continue To Dominate?

Much has been written in very recent times of our youth-dominated society. It's not difficult to understand why we young Americans have stamped our mark on today. We made a numerical comeback after a comparatively low profile in the 1940's and 1950's. Everyone had to cope with the stresses of a rising population of young people. New schools and institutions had to be built to train us. New ideas for forming our minds were tried. We were more visible everywhere, and we influenced contemporary style in clothes, popular literature, entertainment, food, and home design to a remarkable degree.

Statistics hint at the Nation's preoccupation with young America—one in five belongs to youth, educational attainment going up, income an important fraction of the whole income spectrum, 44 percent on the move in 1 year, older at first marriage, and so on.

Perhaps, though, the recent stress on youth is lifting. Declining birth rates since the late 1960's suggest a somewhat different future for youth. Not better. Not worse. Different, along with the good that always comes with being 14 to 24 years of age.



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